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AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the March 28, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 16 as follows:

- a, 1. (Amended) A stage device, comprising:
- a movable stage which has a first portion to support an object and a second portion;
- a drive mechanism which drives said movable stage in at least a first direction, at least part of the drive mechanism being coupled to said second portion;
- a first position detector which detects a position of said first portion in a predetermined first direction, said first position detector being optically connected to said first portion; and

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